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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division, CIA

THROUGH : Chief, Operation Support Staff, PID

FROM : Deputy Chief, Operation Support Staff, PID

SUBJECT : PID Graphics Production

a recent survey was conducted in PID

1. In response to your request, I have interviewed the Chief, or Deputy Chief, of each of the four substantive PID Branches regarding the production of graphic materials within the Division, with emphasis on the support provided to the Branches by the assignment of an Illustrator to OSS/PID in September, 1964.

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2. It appears that the quality of the materials produced by this Illustrator, [] has in general been quite satisfactory, and in several cases, outstanding. It was necessary for him to make some adjustment in his work procedures since the regimented routines under which he labored in PD were quite dissimilar to the wide variety of assignments he has received in PID. Seemingly, he has been able to adjust himself to this problem and by occasionally seeking guidance from some of the senior illustrators in PD, he has not only improved the quality of the graphics emanating from PID, but has also improved his own proficiency through increased experience.

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3. The primary concern which was expressed by each of the Branches is that additional graphics support is necessary within the Division. It is clear that one illustrator cannot possibly produce the graphics which are required to support PID inter-office memoranda in response to CIA requestors. As you realize, [] does not produce any graphics which can be obtained from PD through routine procedures, but only those which are required for priority projects with imminent due dates. In numerous instances, these products also involve close liaison with the Analyst concerned in order to affect the desired result and under such conditions production in PD would be highly impractical.

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4. During the five months [] has been with OSS/PID, approximately 60% of his efforts have been devoted to projects for the Geo-Military Branch, chiefly due to the short due dates on their requirements from DDP. As a consequence, very little graphics support has been given to the other three Branches. In fact, understanding the overloaded condition under which [] is working, they have requested only limited support from him. The net result of this situation is that most of

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(he has averaged 36 hours per month)

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necessary graphics are still being produced by PIs in the Branches, including GMB. This, of course, not only consumes valuable man/hours, which could be more gainfully utilized in doing PI, but also results in graphics which are less than "professional" in quality. In addition, it is felt that an increased graphics capability within the Division, while resulting in the more rapid production of graphics, would also provide better products through imagination. In other words, the present PI-produced "simple" graphics would be replaced with more effective materials-and at lower actual costs.

5. The present work-load demands that the PI's be relieved of any non-PI tasks which consume their time and which can be performed efficiently by support personnel. This problem will undoubtedly become even more acute in the future due to the increased requirements which are anticipated as image quality, as well as film quantities, increase through the adoption of new collection systems.

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6. Based on discussions with the PFD Branches, it is recommended that immediate steps be taken towards obtaining the services of two additional illustrators within this Division. Providing they have a general range of experience, their grade level is relatively unimportant since it is believed that [redacted] is qualified to provide specific technical guidance when necessary.

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